

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA
TOWN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Jarvis Hall
4505 Ocean Drive
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR SCOT SASSER

Mayor Scot Sasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Chris Vincent, Commissioner Mark Brown, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Elliot Sokolow, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann, Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Finance Director Tony Bryan, Municipal Services Director Don Prince, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Smith.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution 2015-25 – A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, establishing a proposed millage rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, announcing the date, time, and place of the first public meeting to consider the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget, providing for severability, conflicts, and an effective date (Tony Bryan, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment.

Edmund Malkoon, resident, expressed his concern with taking the millage rate to the roll back rate. He noted that the Commission was going to be planning for future projects in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan and that the Town has spent a significant amount of its reserve funds on recent projects. He recommended keeping the millage the same or lowering it to something more conservative in order to restore reserves.

As there were no other individuals wishing to speak on this Item, Mayor Sasser closed public comment.

It was noted that the Commissioners had received an email from Finance Director Tony Bryan, which explained some of the options the Commission has in determining the Town's millage rate. The Commissioners discussed these options, with Commissioner Brown suggesting that the rate be set slightly higher for advertising purposes, as the

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Commission will have the opportunity to lower the rate after hearing public input if they wish.

Town Attorney Trevarthen explained that the rate established by the Commission at tonight's meeting sets a ceiling for the millage: the Commission may decide to lower the rate at subsequent meetings, but they would be unable to raise it higher than the amount voted on tonight.

Commissioner Sokolow and Vice Mayor Vincent stated that they agreed with Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Dodd also spoke in favor of rebuilding the Town's reserves, noting that the Town has not increased its Emergency Fund Reserve to keep up with inflation. Mayor Sasser agreed with the sentiment of being conservative.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to reduce the millage rate to 3.7379. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Resolution 2015-26 – A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities, and Programs in the Town; describing the method of assessing fire protection assessed costs against assessed property located within the Town's Geographical Boundaries, known as Fire Assessment Area – Townwide; establishing the estimated rates for Fire Protection Services for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015; directing the preparation of an Assessment Roll for Fire Protection Assessment Area – Townwide; authorizing a Public Hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; providing for conflict, severability, and for an effective date (Tony Bryan, Finance Director)**

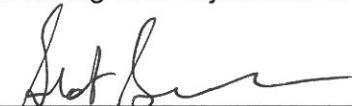
At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

It was noted that Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has the second-lowest fire protection assessment rate of any municipality in Broward County.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sokolow, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the special meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.




Mayor Scot Sasser

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ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tedra Smith



Date